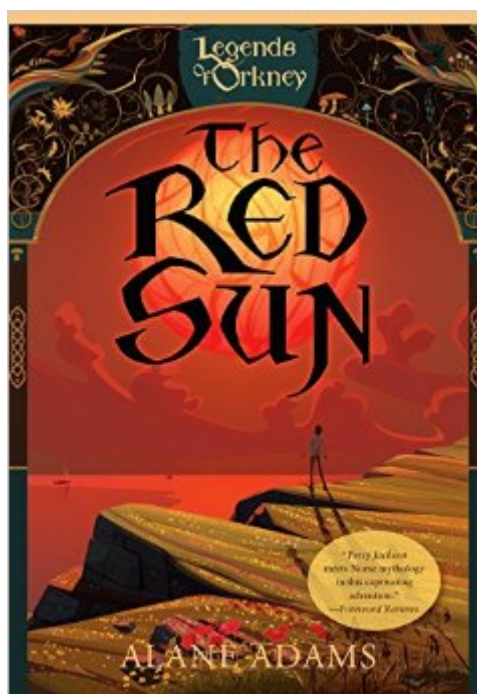


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The Red Sun (Legends Of Orkney)



Synopsis

Sam Baron is about to get the shock of his life. First his substitute English teacher claims to have turned his old teacher into a lizard; then a strange dwarf named Rego arrives and claims Sam is from a magical realm called Orkney. When his friends are taken prisoner, it's up to Sam to save them. Sam embarks on a journey to Orkney through a stonefire to find his friends—but when he arrives, he discovers that an ancient curse has turned the sun a poisonous red and threatens to destroy the land. With only a young witch girl to guide him, Sam must choose: save his friends, or stop the red sun from consuming the land? Drawing on Norse mythology, *The Red Sun* follows Sam's journey to uncover the truth about his past—a journey during which he has to overcome the simmering anger inside of him, learn to channel his growing magical powers, and find a way to forgive the father who left him behind.

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Customer Reviews

This was good, and if I were a child, I think I would have loved it. There are some books for kids that transcend age. They're just good stories, and are enjoyable for everyone, like the Harry Potter books. This is almost like that, but just misses the mark.

I found this book very enjoyable read. I can see how YA would love the fantasy of this story (it is a

little like Harry Potter) with magic and good and evil. The red sun in this story is a poisonous sun which is slowly poisoning everything it is shining on, soon nothing will be left of this realm called Orkney. A young boy, Sam Baron has to save Orkney from the evil witches trying to take over this realm for their evil purposes, plus save his father and friends in the process, this is a mighty big order for Sam to handle, a young 12 year old boy. Sam must also figure out who side he is on in the processing of saving this realm, he is of mixed blood one good and one evil. He must decide, but as he ventures more and more into this realm he finds how he likes how black magic works to his advantage which goes against what he believes is good. What is a boy to do??? There are many highly imaginative characters in this story like dwarfs, witches, tribes and other strange characters and creatures to keep you interested throughout the whole book, you will find yourself rooting for some and disliking the others. Also, you feel like you are in Scotland by all the names used in the book to identify cities and certain areas where Sam travels to. Throughout the story you wonder how Sam and this friend are going to get back home since the portal they came through was destroyed after they entered Orkney, and who can they trust to get them back home or are they caught there forever??? I received a free copy of this book in exchange for an honest review.

The Red Sun is a fantasy novel that is a very easy read. I enjoyed the adventure and the journey the characters take to save their realm. I thought that having the sun be part of the evil aspect was great! Usually, you think of the sun as light and happiness. There are witches and other fun evil characters that make the story interesting. The boy who has good and evil in him has difficulty figuring out who which side he wants to fight for. It reminds me a lot of Star Wars and Harry Potter. I don't want to share too much of the story. If you are going on vacation or have a lot of time to read this book...Buy it! I only say if you have a lot of time because you will not be able to put it down!!! It is a page turner! I highly recommend it. I received a free copy of this book in exchange for an honest review.

Before I picked up this book I was expecting just another adventure book that would not really grip me, given it was written with adolescents, particularly boys, in mind. As a retired middle school teacher, I have read many stories meant to grab reluctant readers, particularly boys. Most miss the mark. This book was right on track. I was sucked into the story from the very beginning. I found the characters well developed and the storyline gripping. The suspense built, making this a true page-turner. The tie-ins with Norse mythology were well thought out. I found myself getting lost in the book and Sam's adventures. Ms. Adams is a natural storyteller and I anxiously await the

next volume of this series. I received a copy of this book in exchange for an honest review.

I was afraid that this was going to be a rip off but I was pleasantly surprised. Sam is a different character than Percy with his own problems. His biggest problem is one that a lot of us have, an uncontrollable temper. His temper has brought with it a curse on the land of Orkney. It is up to him to fix the problem. This book is a promising start to a series.

I purchased ten of these books for my teen book club that I started . I have already read the whole book and I can't wait for the second. The kids are excited about reading and are looking forward to getting into the game that goes along with the book. Alane Adams creates a story that when I am reading it I feel like I am in the land of Orkney and I am one of the characters of the story. As I am reading I am going through exactly what that character is going through also. My two daughters are reading it with me as well One is 21 the other 14 and they are just as excited and are loving their journey through Orkney as well. I am excited to be leading a group of kids on a journey through Orkney and looking forward to our second book.

In the YA fantasy novel, The Red Sun, Sam suddenly finds his normal life turned upside down. Sam's English teacher is missing, and his substitute is seriously weird, like magically turn a lizard into a giant monster weird. Through a series of increasingly odd events, Sam finds himself thrown into another world, where he discovers that he needs to work against terrifying forces in order to save his friends, his parents, and himself. I really loved the writing in the Red Sun. It's youthful and entertaining, perfect for a YA novel. This is a great book both for kids and adults. Sam is a strong and fun lead, and there is a great assortment supporting characters. I really appreciated that the action is both intense but still appropriate for kids. This is a really strong start to the series!! I received a free copy of the book in exchange for an honest review.

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